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20 Years Of Integrity

For more than 20 years, William H. Webster served in prominent federal positions, always receiving high marks for competence and even higher ones for integrity. Through his years as a federal district judge and appellate judge in his native St. Louis, then as director of the FBI and CIA, Mr. Webster handled difficult assignments deftly. Former Sen. Thomas Eagleton called him "the closest thing to Jack Armstrong, the All-American boy."

As he leaves the CIA, Mr. Webster is hearing that his agency's performance fell down in the Persian Gulf — first in its advance estimates, then in its predictions of Saddam Hussein's behavior. In the world of Mideast intrigue, any forecasts are difficult. Hindsight in the wake of the war should not cloud the assessment of Mr. Webster's service for his country.